

Isolation booth 'last resort'

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Mr. Reed said other techniques are used in the class before resorting to using the time-out booth, such as positive reinforcement, or drawing up a contract between the teacher and the student, so the student is aware of what is expected of him and what the consequences will be if he fails to behave.

The behavioral class at Kennedy has been in operation for four years, and the time-out room has been in use for two years. Last year, the room was in a corner of the classroom, but this year the classroom has been moved, and the time-out room had to be relocated. Because of a problem with finding a suitable space close

to the classroom, it was necessary to settle for a space smaller than what it could be, Mr. Reed said.

The parents are all made aware of the techniques in use in the classroom, Mr. Reed said.

"We've never had a complaint about it as far as I'm aware."

"The time-out room is used when a child is out of control," Mr. Reed said. "We have to put him where he can't hurt himself or others, or damage property. There are techniques the teacher and child care worker have learned for holding the child without hurting him until he calms down, but the other children have to watch, and it's not pleasant."

Mr. Reed emphasized that each child in the class is thoroughly screened before being enrolled in the class, and if the teacher feels the child would be harmed by being put in the time-out room, that technique won't be used.

EACH CHILD

The goal of the behavioral class is to integrate the child into the regular classroom, Mr. Reed said. Of the 17 students in the class last year, 14 returned to regular classes this year. Four of those 14 were placed in the time-out room on different occasions during the year.

Halton MPP Julian Reed expressed concern Monday about the use of the booth, particularly after receiving a

call from a parent whose child had been in the class, and who said he was not aware the booth was used.

The MPP met with George Heaver, director of the Halton North Education Centre, trustee Barry Shepherd and Kennedy's principal yesterday morning (Tuesday), reporting later that he had been assured the booth will not be used again until the school makes certain all parents understand the idea behind the booth and approve its use.

"As a parent of three kids, my wife and I used corporal punishment," Mr. Reed said. "We're a little reactionary in that regard, I guess, but psychological punishment is

more powerful and more dangerous in that sense."

BOTTOM LINE

"But the bottom line is that if the parents feel the program is desirable, then it's okay."

Trustees Betty Fisher and Barry Shepherd both support the idea of time-out rooms in varying degrees. Mr. Shepherd said he has no qualms about the room currently in use, although he said it could stand some improvements. Mrs. Fisher said she agrees with the theory of isolating the child to allow him to release his hostility without disrupting the class, but she feels the present time-out room is too small and unfinished.

Mrs. Fisher said that as the trustee responsible for that school, Mr. Shepherd was aware the technique was in use, but said she felt all the trustees should have been informed because of the controversial nature of the technique.

Mr. Shepherd said he has heard no complaints from any parents about the technique and is not aware of any children having injured themselves in the Kennedy booth.

"It would certainly be an advantage to have it padded and more finished with soothing colors and maybe a window of shatterproof glass so the teacher can watch the child," he said. "One good thing may come out of this, that we may have the room upgraded."

In a memorandum to the Halton trustees, director of education Em Lavender said steps are now being taken to enlarge the facility at Kennedy School to as close to its former size as space will allow.

Mr. Lavender emphasized that the booth is used strictly as a technique in the class for students with behavioral problems, and not for other special education students or for disciplining "bad" students.

Fisher to run in Georgetown

BREAK-IN AT MEDICAL CENTRE

Burglars broke into the Georgetown medical centre on Princess Anne Drive on the weekend and ransacked a number of offices in the building in an apparent search for drugs.

Halton Regional Police said the burglars broke into the offices of Halton Regional Health Unit, Georgetown Medical Associates, and Drs. Adrian Hobart, Michael Henry, Jack Ford, Craig Browning and Brian Jordan. A small quantity of drugs and cash were taken in varying amounts from the different offices. In some cases, nothing was taken.

Damage was estimated at about \$200.

The break-in occurred some time between 6 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Monday. The burglars appear to have used a crowbar to get into the building. Police are continuing their investigation.

Statement from Mayor

Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy is expected to make an announcement later this week about his political future following the sale of his downtown Georgetown business, North Halton Sports Ltd. (See story page A10). Mayor Pomeroy declined to comment Monday whether he will seek re-election Nov. 10, but promised a statement later this week, after meeting with campaign supporters.

Inquest tonight

An inquest will be held tonight (Wednesday) into a fatal accident which occurred on Highway 7 on the east end of Georgetown July 1. The inquest into the death of Jim Palmer, 20, of Brampton, will begin at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the town offices on Trafalgar Road, and will include expert testimony about the design of the highway on the Norval hill. The inquest will be open to the public.

STUBBORN SMOKIES BURRO TO WIN



Councillor John McDonald and Halton Burlington MPP Julian Reed teamed up to take firefighter Ron Appleyard out of the running Wednesday evening at the donkey baseball match between the firefighters and the Halton Hills politicians to raise money towards the purchase of new rescue equipment for the fire department. Organizer Don Maveal estimates the game raised about \$500 for the cause.



The Georgetown firefighters didn't need any tricks like the old carrot-on-the-stick trick to defeat the Halton Hills politicians in a game of donkey baseball, but Larry Burns gave it a shot anyway as Councillor Mike Armstrong seems to be trying to decide whether or not to call him for cheating. The baseball game was organized to raise money for the purpose of some rescue equipment to be used to free people trapped in vehicles.

(Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

Controversial severance approved for Main Street

A controversial severance application which has concerned property owners along Main Street north in Georgetown was approved at a Land Division Committee (LDC) meeting last Tuesday evening.

The application, made for the estate of the late Dick Licata, proposed a land separation approximately 22 metres wide along Main Street and 43 metres deep into the general downtown parking area. The building on the property houses five stores and three apartments.

Lawyer Monty Hyde, representing H. Silver Clothing Ltd. (Henry's), Woodrex Developments Ltd. and Al Norton, said his clients are concerned the severance may eventually lead to a larger commercial building in the area, cutting down on parking space in the rear lot.

However, William Manderson, lawyer for the Licata

estate, said the owners of the property have no plans to do anything with it at the moment. He told The Herald the severance merely allows the inheritors of the estate to "realize" on any future sale of the property.

Originally, the application did not comply with the town's zoning bylaw and the town planning department recommended that the application be denied when it went before town council June 24. The staff report noted that the building on the severed parcel occupies more than 50 per cent of the land to be severed and that not enough space is allowed for off-street parking on the newly-created severance.

But amendments were made to the application, increasing the depth of the parcel from 33 to 43 metres to comply with the town's zoning bylaw.

To ensure that the parking area behind the building

remain untouched, the LDC recommended that the town purchase the property, and levy the assessment for the land against store and apartment owners in the buildings.

Opponents to the LDC decision have about two weeks left to appeal, although Mr. Hyde said Monday his clients had not informed him of any plans to contest the ruling.

Traffic study on Raylawn

A complaint about car congestion along Raylawn Crescent in Georgetown has prompted council to give its town engineering department permission to study the parking problem in the area.

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<p>GEORGETOWN ALLIANCE CHURCH 14 Main St. S. PASTOR PETER RALPH</p> <p>Sunday September 14, 1980</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Morning Worship 11 a.m.</p> <p>Come and Make Our Church Your Church</p> <p>Everyone Welcome</p> <p>P. RALPH 877-9816 853-3923</p>	<p>MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH 177 Maple Ave. Georgetown PASTOR EDWIN H. MITCHELL 877-6665; 877-0320</p> <p>9:45 a.m. ALL FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>11 a.m. WORSHIP & PRAISE</p> <p>Children's Church 6:30 p.m. PRAISE AND Fellowship</p> <p>Nursery at all Services</p> <p>WEEKLY Prayer and Bible Study</p> <p>Children's Clubs</p> <p>Little Cherub Nursery</p> <p>Youth Activities</p> <p>Recreational Activities</p> <p>Biblical-Evangelistic</p> <p>Missionary</p> <p>25 Years and Growing</p>
<p>ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH Anglican REV. ROSWELL TEES Sunday September 14, 1980 15th Sunday after Trinity</p> <p>8 a.m. Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9 a.m. Holy Eucharist</p> <p>Junior Church</p> <p>Nursery</p> <p>11 a.m. Morning Prayer</p>	<p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Windsor Road at Carole St. PASTOR: REV. DR. J.M. DRICKAMER</p> <p>Sunday September 14 1980</p> <p>11 a.m. Church Service</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Church of the Lutheran Hour</p>

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Legion warns of fraud

Georgetown Legion, Branch 120, and Acton Legion, Branch 197, are warning Halton Hills merchants that there are people posing as agents of the Legion attempting to sell advertising space in a Legion brochure to the merchants.

Harold Badham, spokesman for the Georgetown Legion, said these people do not represent the Legion and there is no brochure being planned by either branch. Should a merchant be approached by these people, he or she should contact the police.